

# ACA IMPLEMENTATION NEWS

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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## In This Issue!

In this issue of *ACA Implementation News*, we provide registration information for the Colorado Health Foundation's Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 event. Information about an upcoming stakeholder opportunity to engage on new provider regulations and CBMS User training opportunities.

As a reminder, please send us your ACA implementation questions/suggestions so we can provide timely and relevant information to you. Questions, comments and suggestions should be sent to [ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us](mailto:ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us) for inclusion in upcoming issues of *ACA Implementation News*.

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## News of Note



### Register Now to Attend Colorado's Building Better Health: Enroll 2015

Join hundreds of health coverage guides, assistance site navigators, certified application counselors, brokers, agents, community-based organizations and health advocates Oct. 14-15, 2014 as we rally together at "Building Better Health: Enroll 2015" — Colorado's kick-off conference for the 2015 health coverage open enrollment period, beginning Nov. 15, 2014.

Hosted by the Colorado Health Foundation in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Colorado Division of Insurance and Connect for Health Colorado, this event represents a statewide partnership and commitment to a successful 2015 open enrollment period.

Attendees with a role in enrolling consumers can receive training on the online application for health coverage and how to select a Marketplace plan, and receive an overview of Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus. Brokers, Health Coverage Guides and Certified Application Counselors can attend certification and recertification sessions from Connect for Health Colorado after participating in online prerequisite training. Additionally, navigators, advocates and community members will be able to engage in seminars that feature new market research on messaging and reaching special populations, story collection tools and community outreach tactics.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis so act now. Together, we will begin building better health for all Coloradans. For more information and to register go to: [ColoradoHealth.org/BuildingBetterHealth](http://ColoradoHealth.org/BuildingBetterHealth)

**What:** "Building Better Health: Enroll 2015"

**Where:** Crowne Plaza DIA 15500 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80239

**When:**

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014

Conference: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Reception: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014

Conference: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Questions? Contact Beth Clemens at [bclemens@ColoradoHealth.org](mailto:bclemens@ColoradoHealth.org) or 303.953.3691**



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## New Federal Regulations for Providers & Upcoming Stakeholder Process

New federal regulations established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require enhanced screening and re-validation of providers enrolling with Colorado Medicaid. These regulations are designed to reduce the potential for Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse. The Department is seeking stakeholder feedback on how to implement these federal regulations.

Most providers will see very little change in their enrollment process but some may be required to undergo additional screening before they can be enrolled or re-enrolled in Medicaid. CMS has developed three levels of provider screening rigor based on the potential risk of waste, fraud and abuse. CMS has previously determined the particular risk level of most major provider types (e.g., physicians, clinics, hospitals, community mental health centers, etc.).

The Department has been granted some flexibility in a few, specific areas and is interested in stakeholder input on these areas. The Department seeks to implement the federal rules in a way that will minimize the administrative burden on providers.

In October, the Department will present the new federal regulations and begin to collect feedback about how best to implement the federal regulations. A web-based forum will be hosted at several locations across the state for providers and stakeholders. Additionally, stakeholders will be provided the opportunity to submit feedback via email.

For more information, see our [Provider Implementations](#) page.

## Training for County Eligibility Workers and Medical Assistance Sites

The Department will be delivering training to County Eligibility Workers and Medical Assistance (MA) Sites through Train-the-Trainer sessions and Regional Trainings. In addition, an Online Training course will also be available. The training for County Eligibility Workers and MA Sites will address:

- Connect for Health Colorado 2015 Open Enrollment
- October 2014 PEAK enhancements
- Shared Connect for Health Colorado and Medical Assistance application enhancements
- Revised Medical Assistance Paper Application
- Medicaid Quality Assurance Improvement

Additional information regarding the instructor led and online trainings will be available on [TrainColorado.com](http://TrainColorado.com). For more information about this training, please contact the Staff Development Center at [SOC\\_staffdevelopment@state.co.us](mailto:SOC_staffdevelopment@state.co.us)



## Resources

### Connect for Health Colorado 2015 Plan Renewal Information

**What to expect:**

**October 1**, you will receive notice if your carrier is changing or no longer offering your plan.

You will be able to preview all 2015 health plans available in your service area in our Marketplace in early November.

Beginning **October 20**, Connect for Health Colorado and your carrier will be sending communications outlining what to do to make sure that you have no break in your 2015 coverage.

1. If your plan is being offered in 2015, you are happy with it and we have been able to redetermine your federal tax credit, **you won't need to do anything**—you will be auto-renewed by December 15 for 2015 coverage.

**OR**

2. If your plan has been discontinued and/or we have been unable to redetermine your federal tax credit, you will need to shop for a 2015 plan and reapply for financial assistance.

While we anticipate the majority of our customers will choose to 'auto-renew,' we have a state-wide network of certified Brokers, Health Coverage Guides and our Customer Call Center to assist you, **at no cost**, throughout the renewal process.

**Partners can find more information on the renewal process on the Connect for Health Colorado website here.**

## Reminders

### Selecting a Medicaid Health Plan and Provider Online

New Medicaid clients can now go online to select their Medicaid health plan and primary care medical provider through HealthColorado.

HealthColorado's new online form can only be used by first-time Medicaid clients who are not enrolled in a Medicaid health plan yet and/or first-time Medicaid clients who are enrolled in the Accountable Care Collaborative and want to choose their primary care medical provider. All requests made by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month will take affect the first of the following month. The online form can be accessed by visiting [www.HealthColorado.org](http://www.HealthColorado.org). As always, clients can call HealthColorado to select or change their Medicaid health plan or primary care medical provider.

- In Denver: 303-839-2120
- Outside of Denver: 1-888-367-6557
- TTY: 1-888-876-8864
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed state holidays).

### Check Application Status Online

Coloradans can now check the status of their Assistance Application (includes Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+)) online. To check your application status online go to [Colorado.gov/PEAK](http://Colorado.gov/PEAK) then log in to your PEAK Account (remember, you can create a PEAK account at any time). You can see your application status, what you need to do to complete your application and who to contact about your application under the Check My Benefits section.